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Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,760,500 for February 2006. This figure represented an increase over the month of 12,800 jobs and a decrease over the year of 165,500 employees. The largest net increase over the month was in Education and Health Services with an increase of 5,200 jobs. Statewide employment figures for seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment can be found on page 2.

Changes from January to February revealed growth in nine industry sectors and reductions in two industry sectors. Natural Resources and Mining increased 500; Construction increased 1,600; Manufacturing increased 1,400; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities increased 3,300; Financial Activities increased 300; Professional and Business Services increased 1,200; Educational and Health Services increased 5,200; Leisure and Hospitality increased 2,100; and Other Services increased 400. Those industry sectors reporting declines in employment were Information, 300; and Government, 2,900.

Over the year, seasonally adjusted figures indicated an increase in only one industry sector, Natural Resources and Mining with 2,300 positions. Reductions were found in all the other industry sectors. Employment declined in Construction, 11,800 jobs; Manufacturing, 10,000 jobs; Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, 17,400 jobs; Information, 1,900 jobs; Financial Activities, 5,100 jobs; Professional and Business Services, 24,200 jobs; Educational and Health Services, 41,700 jobs; Leisure and Hospitality, 35,400 jobs; Other Services, 12,300 jobs; and Government, 8,000 jobs.

The February preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 4.3 percent, a decrease from the January rate of 4.8 percent. The national unemployment rate for February was 4.8 percent, an increase from the January rate of 4.7 percent. Total unemployment in the state for February was 82,284. The state civilian labor force decreased to 1,892,099, with an increase in total employment to 1,809,815.

Economic Indicators

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary FEBRUARY 2006	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,449,000	1,892,099
Employed	143,257,000	1,809,815
Unemployed	7,193,000	82,284
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.3
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	FEB 2006 United States	FEB 2006 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,789,000	1,760,500
Nat. Resources and Mining	652,000	46,500
Construction	7,512,000	104,200
Manufacturing	14,228,000	144,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,043,000	362,800
Information	3,074,000	28,600
Financial Activities	8,266,000	94,200
Professional and Business Services	17,177,000	164,100
Educational and Health Services	17,604,000	212,700
Leisure and Hospitality	12,948,000	171,900
Other Services	5,400,000	58,600
Government	21,885,000	372,400
Average Hours & Earnings		
	(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	
Natural Resources & Mining	FEB 2006 United States	FEB 2006 Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 853.50	\$ 974.02
Average Weekly Hours	44.2	43.6
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.31	\$ 22.34
Manufacturing		
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 680.10	\$ 733.20
Average Weekly Hours	40.7	40.0
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.71	\$ 18.33
Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities		
Claims		FEB 2006
Initial New & Renewals		14,456
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only		182,096
Insured Unemployment Rate		3.9
Benefits		
Number of First Payment		12,965
Benefits Paid (000's)		\$ 52,438
Weeks Compensated		280,950
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount		\$ 187.65
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)		21.7
Exhaustions		45,268
United States Consumer Price Index		
		FEB 2006
All Urban Consumers		198.7

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

Economic Comparison

Seasonally Adjusted	Preliminary FEBRUARY 2006		Revised Preliminary JANUARY 2006		Revised FEBRUARY 2005	
Civilian Labor Force	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana	United States	Louisiana
Labor Force	150,449,000	1,892,099	150,114,000	1,892,888	148,271,000	2,096,073
Employed	143,257,000	1,809,815	143,074,000	1,801,230	140,285,000	1,981,450
Unemployed	7,193,000	82,284	7,040,000	91,658	7,986,000	114,623
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.3	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.5

Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment	FEB 2006 United States	FEB 2006 Louisiana	JAN 2006 United States	JAN 2006 Revised Louisiana	FEB 2005 United States	FEB 2005 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	134,789,000	1,760,500	134,546,000	1,747,700	132,736,000	1,926,000
Nat. Resources and Mining	652,000	46,500	647,000	46,000	610,000	44,200
Construction	7,512,000	104,200	7,471,000	102,600	7,166,000	116,000
Manufacturing	14,228,000	144,500	14,229,000	143,100	14,276,000	154,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,043,000	362,800	26,028,000	359,500	25,787,000	380,200
Information	3,074,000	28,600	3,067,000	28,900	3,063,000	30,500
Financial Activities	8,266,000	94,200	8,244,000	93,900	8,097,000	99,300
Professional and Business Services	17,177,000	164,100	17,138,000	162,900	16,711,000	188,300
Educational and Health Services	17,604,000	212,700	17,557,000	207,500	17,188,000	254,400
Leisure and Hospitality	12,948,000	171,900	12,923,000	169,800	12,703,000	207,300
Other Services	5,400,000	58,600	5,395,000	58,200	5,394,000	70,900
Government	21,885,000	372,400	21,847,000	375,300	21,741,000	380,400

Average Hours & Earnings

Natural Resources & Mining	United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)			Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 853.50	\$ 887.83	\$ 822.42	\$974.02	\$1,021.73	\$1,014.53
Average Weekly Hours	44.2	45.6	44.6	43.6	45.9	50.1
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.31	\$ 19.47	\$ 18.44	\$22.34	\$22.26	\$20.25
Manufacturing						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 680.10	\$ 686.30	\$ 664.18	\$733.20	\$775.92	\$704.29
Average Weekly Hours	40.7	40.9	40.4	40.0	42.4	41.6
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.71	\$ 16.78	\$ 16.44	\$18.33	\$18.30	\$16.93

Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

Claims	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	% Change From	
				JAN 2006	FEB 2005
Initial New & Renewals	14,456	16,643	13,762	-13.1	5.0
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	182,096	295,554	111,198	-38.4	63.8
Insured Unemployment Rate*	3.9	6.9	1.8	-43.9	121.1
Benefits					
Number of First Payment	12,965	9,187	6,659	41.1	94.7
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 52,438	\$ 99,299	\$ 18,823	-47.2	178.6
Weeks Compensated	280,950	525,593	98,672	-46.5	184.7
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 187.65	\$ 189.63	\$ 193.25	-1.0	-2.9
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	21.7	NA	14.8	NA	NA
Exhaustions	45,268	4,515	2,526	902.6	1,692.1

* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.

United States Consumer Price Index

	FEB 2006	% Change From:		JAN 2006	% Change From:	
	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year	Index	Prior Month	Prior Year
All Urban Consumers	198.7	+ 0.2	+3.6	198.3	+ 0.8	+ 0.4

Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

Nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana rose by 19,300 for February producing a preliminary estimate of 1,753,500. Both goods producing and service providing employment expanded over the 30-day period. Several sectors experienced substantial gains creating the over-the-month growth. The majority of the over-the-year decline can be attributed to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Alexandria MSA nonfarm employment was 65,300 for February. This figure represents an increase of 300 over the month and 3,600 over the year. Service providing employment was solely responsible for the growth from one month ago and for 86 percent of the growth from one year ago.

Nonfarm employment for the Baton Rouge MSA was 361,300 in February, reflecting growth from one month ago as well as one year ago. Employment in goods producing and servicing providing was up from January 2006 and February 2005. Government reported the largest over-the-month gain while construction had the largest over-the-year gain.

Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA nonfarm employment was estimated to be 84,800 for February. Job-gains of 300 and 2,200 were seen when compared to one month ago and one year ago, respectively. Both supersectors gained 1,100 each to produce the over-the-year change.

The Lafayette MSA nonfarm estimate for February was 139,900. When compared to the previous month, there was a loss of 200 jobs. This loss was seen in goods producing employment. Over the year, employment rose by 4,600 with both supersectors reporting positive movement.

The Lake Charles MSA had a nonfarm estimate of 90,800 for February of this year. This figure represents growth of 1,300 jobs and 2,200 jobs from the prior month and the prior year, respectively. Notably, goods producing employment was solely responsible for the over-the-year increase.

Monroe MSA nonfarm employment, estimated at 79,100 for February, was up 700 from one month ago. This gain was seen solely in service providing employment. Employment increased over the 12-month interval by 1,200 jobs and was also due to service providing employment.

The New Orleans MSA nonfarm employment was 420,600 for February. This figure reflects a gain of 10,400 from January and a loss of 186,500 from last year. Goods producing increased by 2,200 and service providing by 8,200 over the month. The largest over-the-month gain was seen in educational and health services. The over-the-year decline is mostly due to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA held steady for the month at the January level of 177,100. A gain of 100 in goods producing offset a loss of 100 in service providing. However, over the 365-day period, employment rose by 6,800 with goods producing increasing 1,300 and service providing gaining 5,500 jobs.

Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

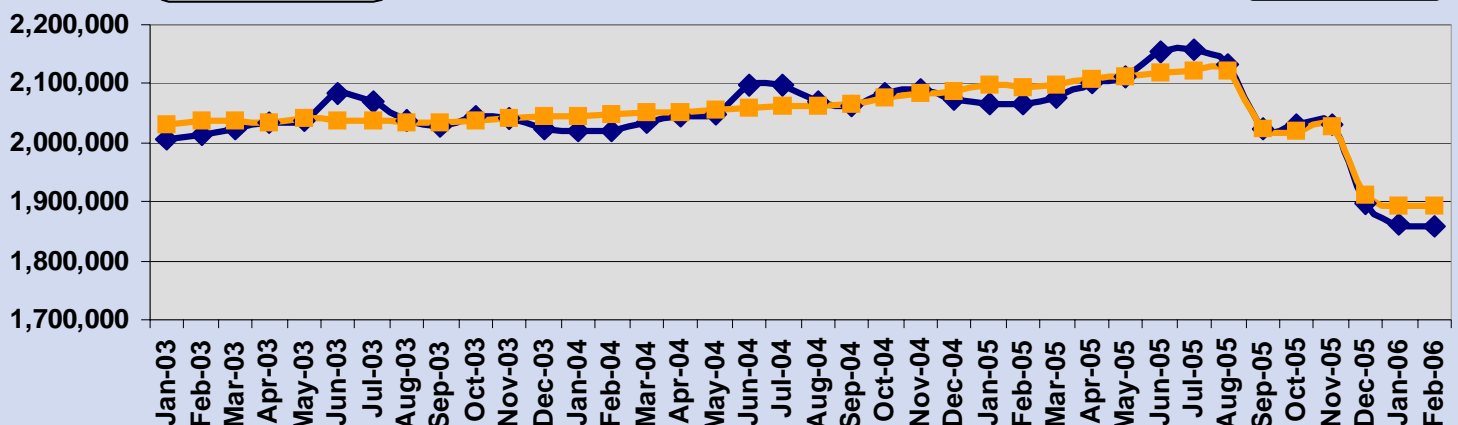
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

February 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

SA
1,892,099
OTM: - 789
OTY: - 203,974

NSA
1,858,964
OTM: - 2,989
OTY: -207,733

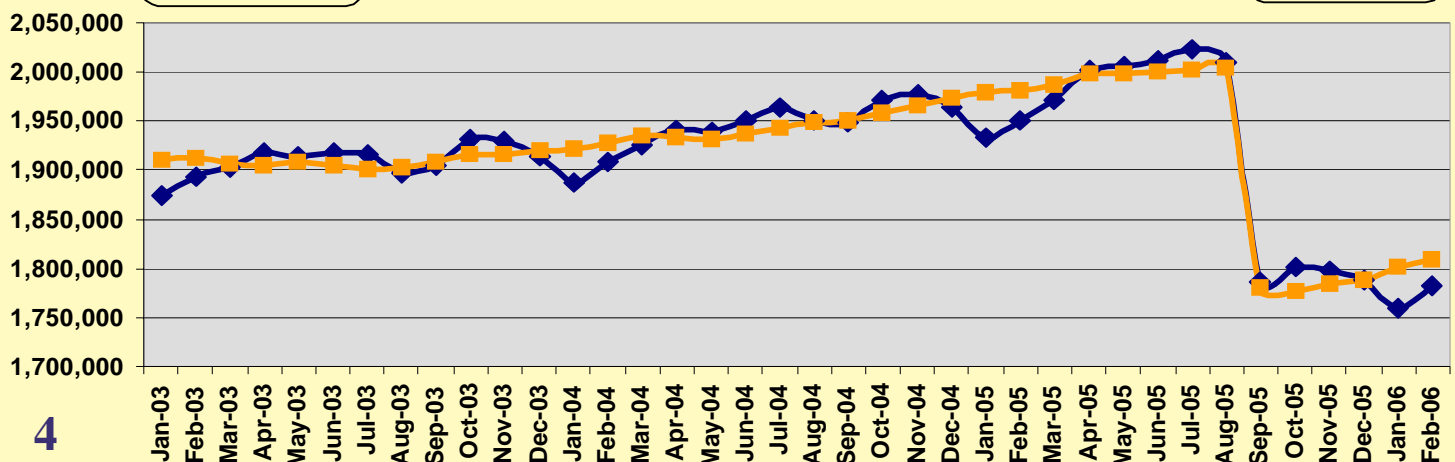


February 2006

Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

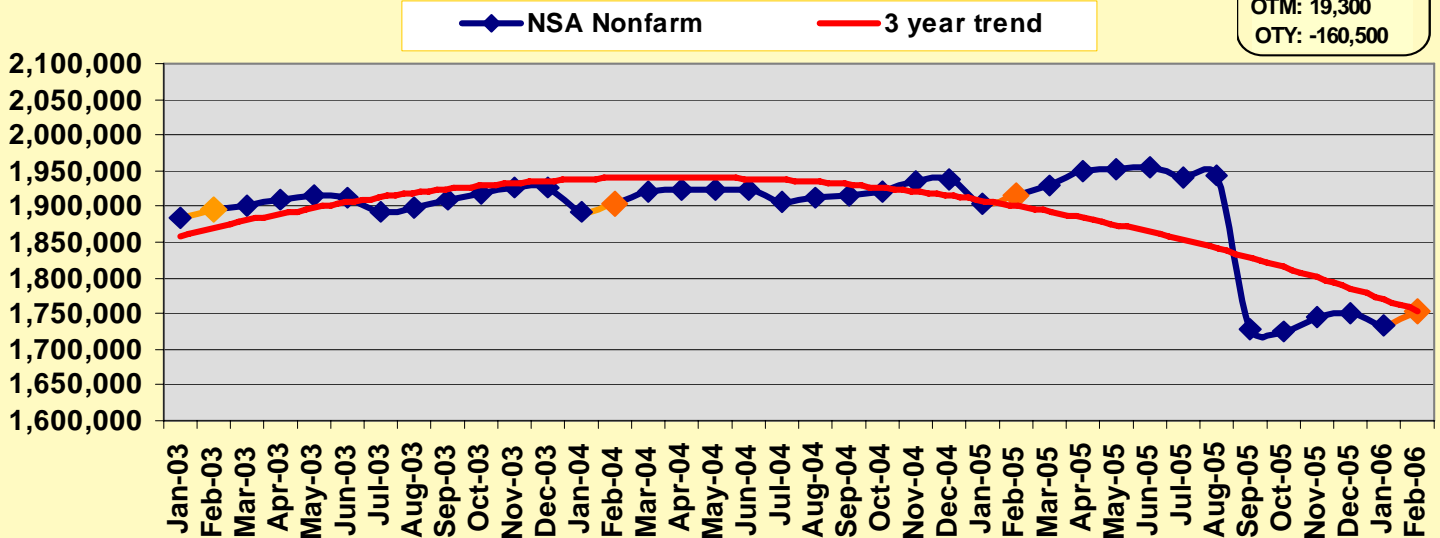
SA
1,809,815
OTM: 8,585
OTY: -171,635

NSA
1,781,372
OTM: 22,142
OTY: -168,339



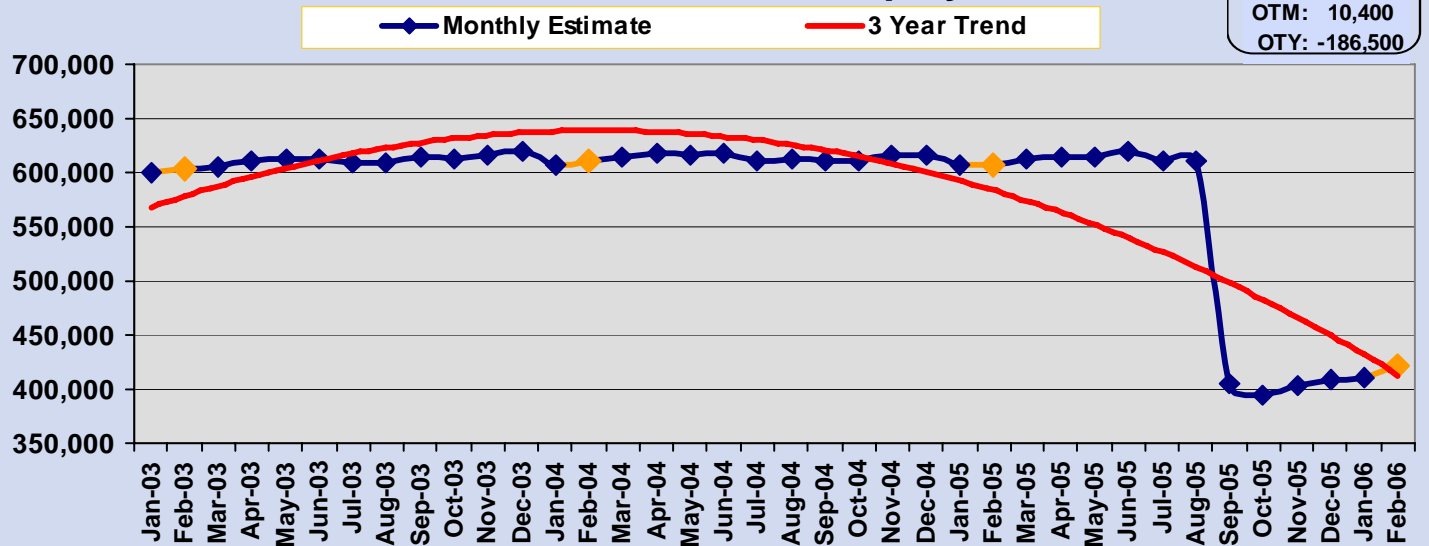
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Louisiana Nonfarm Employment



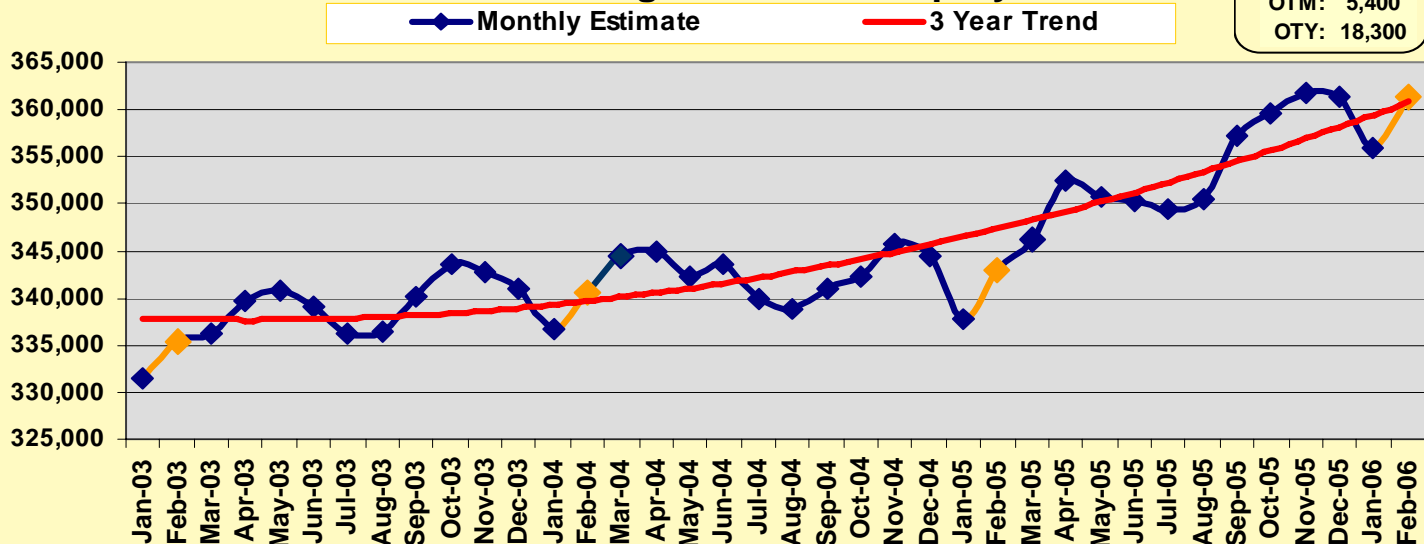
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New Orleans Nonfarm Employment



February 2006

Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

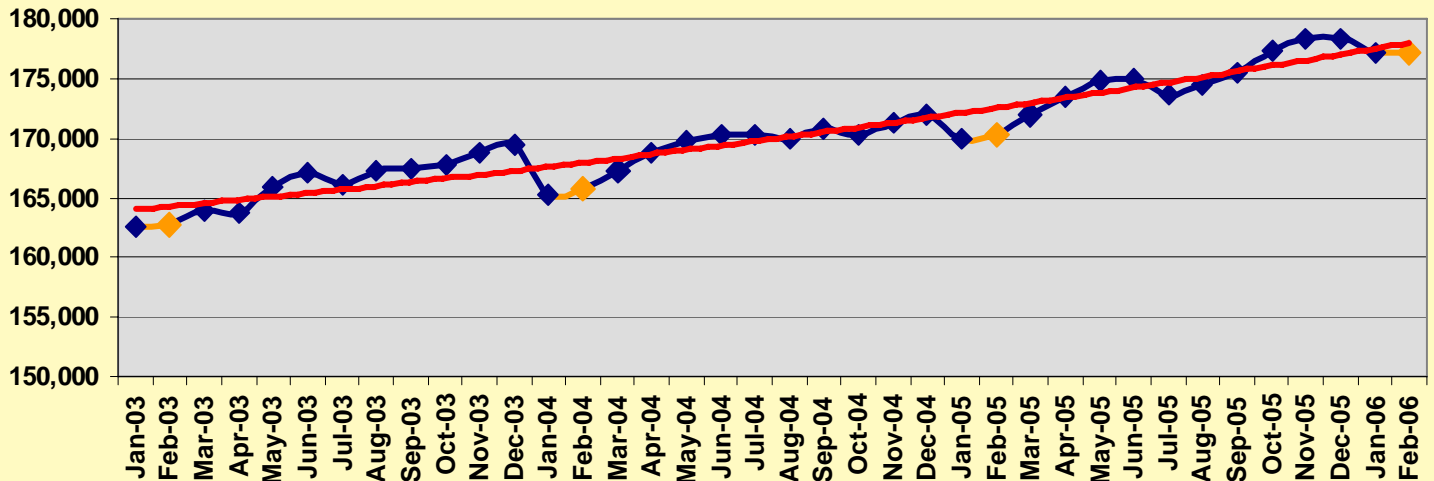


February 2006

Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA
177,100
OTM: 0
OTY: 6,800

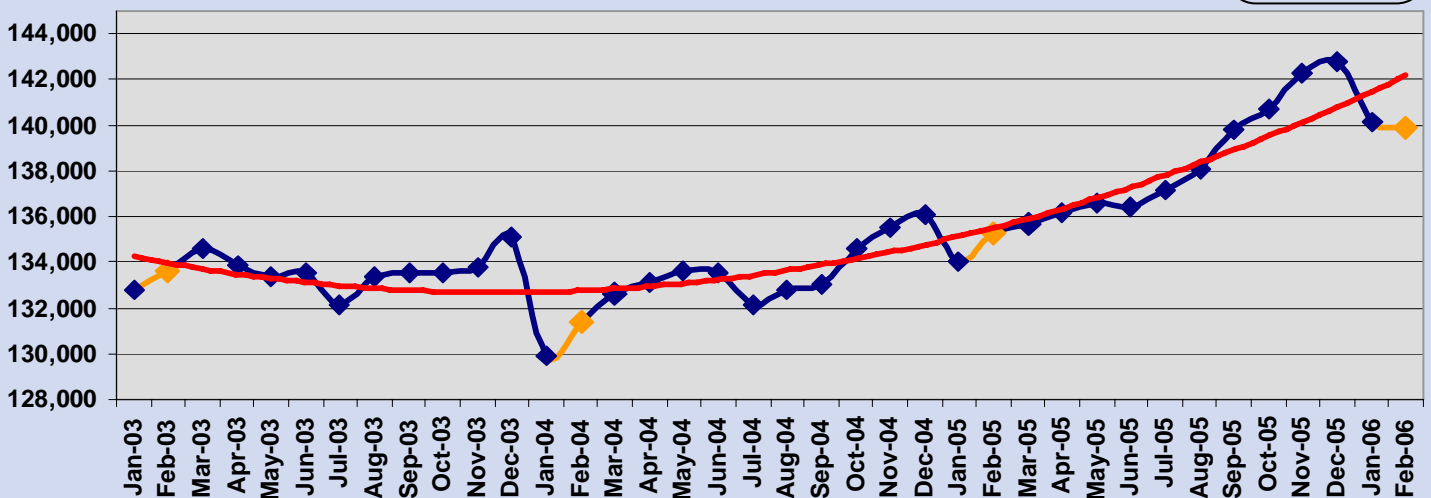


February 2006

Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA
139,900
OTM: -200
OTY: 4,600

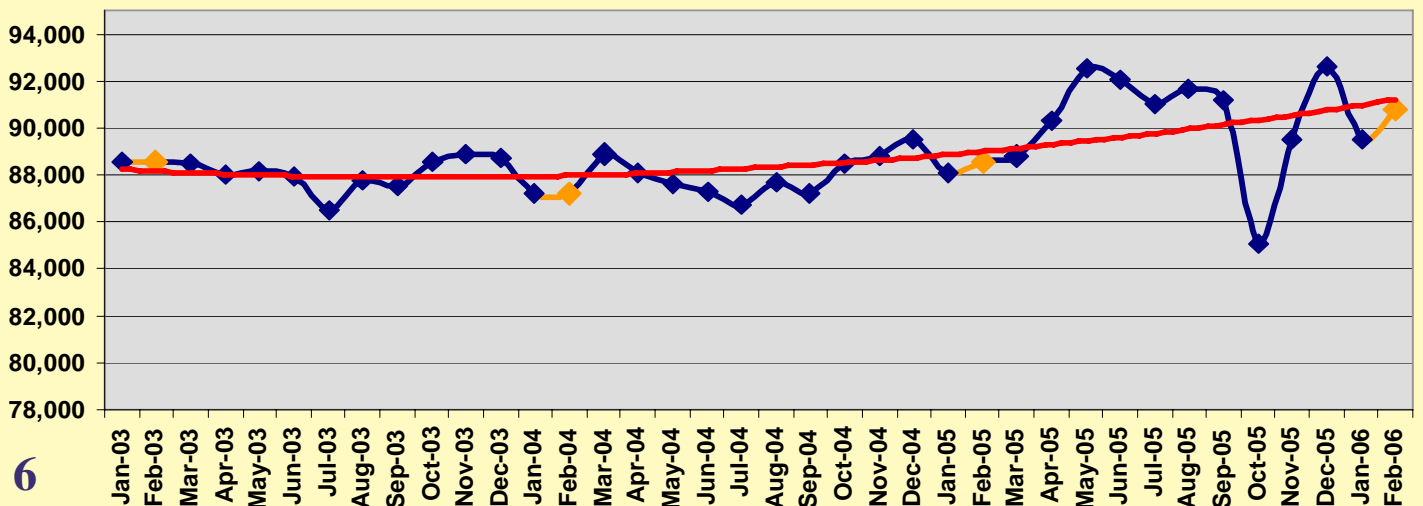


February 2006

Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

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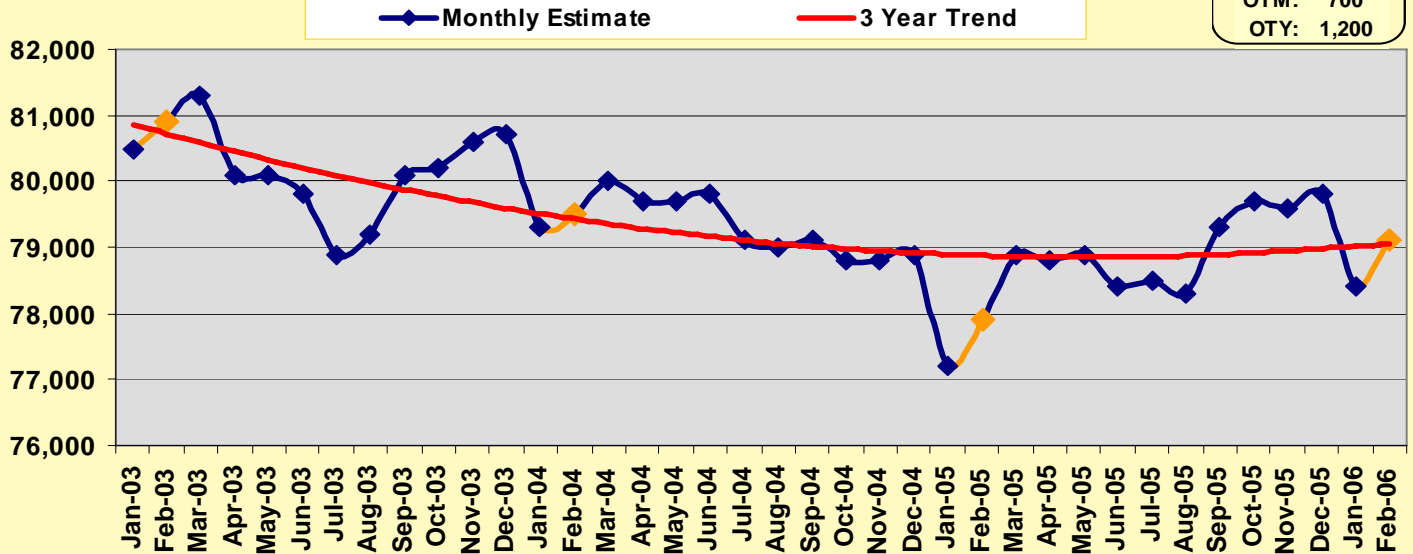
NSA
90,800
OTM: 1,300
OTY: 2,200



February 2006

Monroe Nonfarm Employment

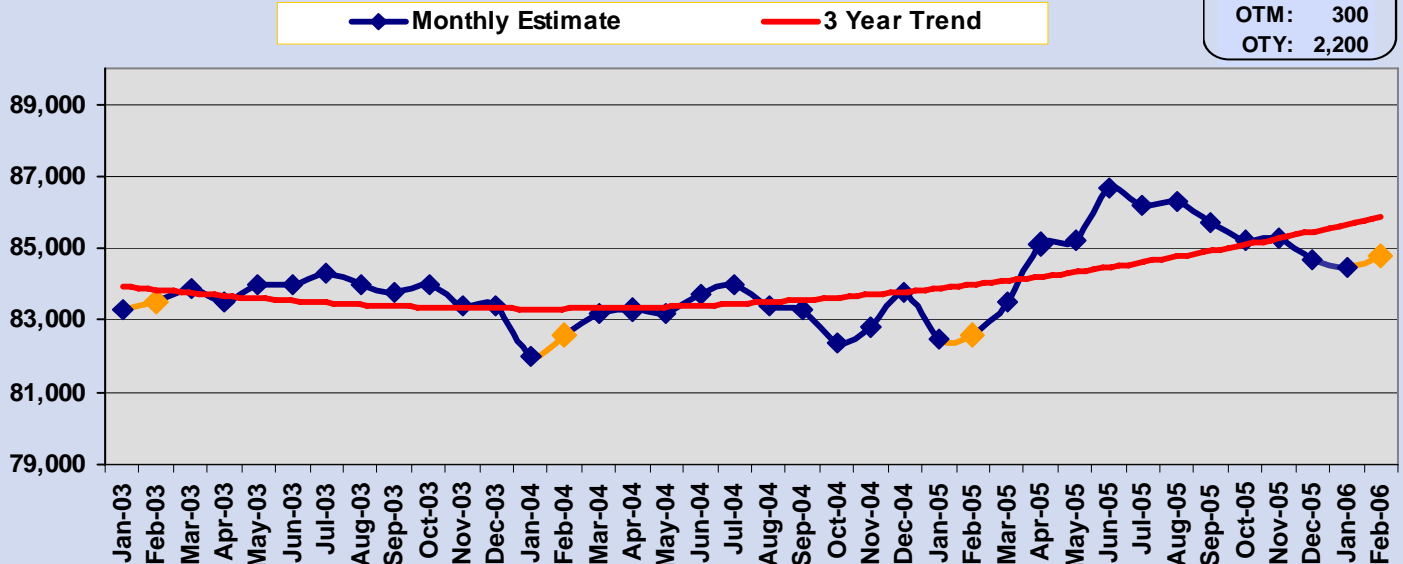
NSA
79,100
OTM: 700
OTY: 1,200



February 2006

Houma Nonfarm Employment

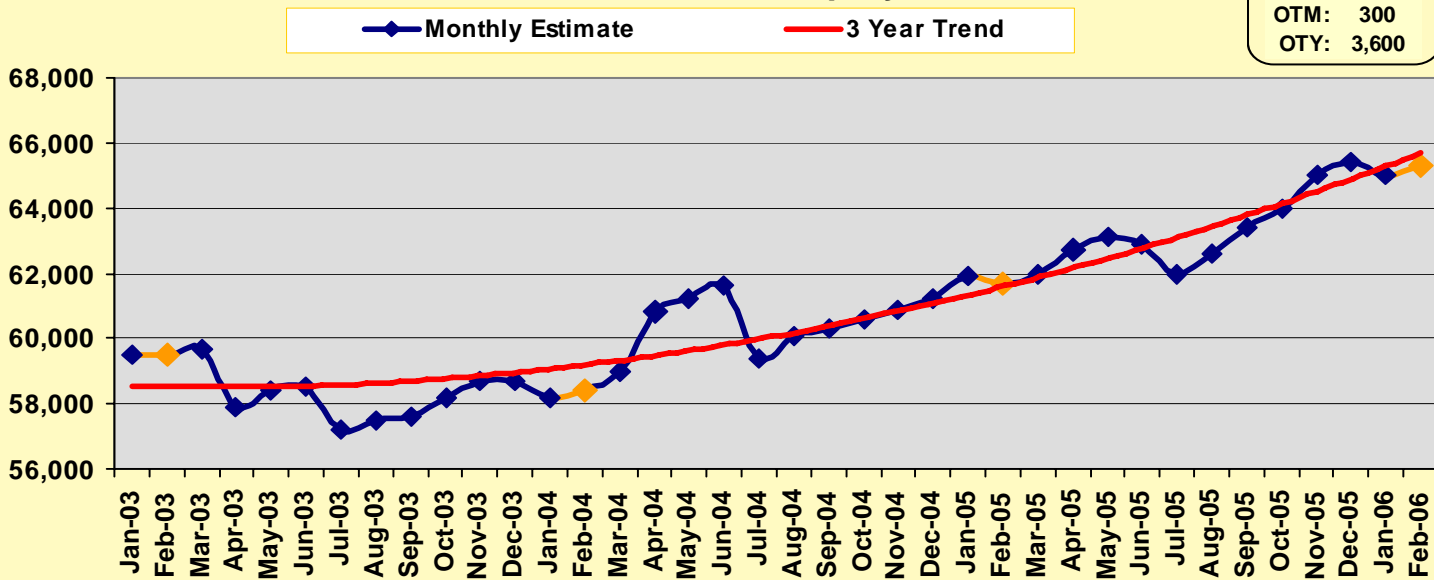
NSA
84,800
OTM: 300
OTY: 2,200



February 2006

Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

NSA
65,300
OTM: 300
OTY: 3,600



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	FEB	JAN	FEB	FEB	JAN	FEB	FEB	JAN	FEB
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,753,500	1,734,200	1,914,000	420,600	410,200	607,100	361,300	355,900	343,000
Total Private	1,377,600	1,362,100	1,530,700	329,200	317,500	500,800	285,100	282,000	267,800
Goods Producing	292,300	290,200	310,500	57,200	55,000	75,800	67,300	66,000	60,500
Natural Resources & Mining	46,500	46,000	44,200						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				28,400	27,600	37,400	40,600	39,900	34,900
Mining	43,500	43,000	41,300	10,000	9,300	8,400			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,100	8,000	8,000	3,300	3,300	3,500			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,200	8,100	7,900						
Support Activities for Mining	33,900	33,600	31,800						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	7,500	7,400	7,400						
Construction	103,300	102,400	113,900	18,400	18,100	29,000	39,200	38,300	33,400
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	23,800	23,800	23,000				8,400	8,600	7,400
Residential Building Construction	7,700	7,500	7,100						
Nonresidential Building Construction	16,100	16,300	15,900				7,300	7,400	6,400
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	32,000	32,700	32,300	5,500	5,600	7,100	13,500	13,500	11,100
Utility System Construction	20,000	20,100	16,900						
Specialty Trade Contractors	47,500	45,900	58,600	9,200	9,000	16,200	17,300	16,200	14,900
Manufacturing	142,500	141,800	152,400	28,800	27,400	38,400	26,700	26,100	25,600
Durable Goods	75,100	74,600	78,400	15,100	14,600	20,600			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	22,200	22,500	23,400	10,400	10,500	11,600			
Ship & Boat Building	14,000	14,200	15,000	8,300	8,100	9,500			
Nondurable Goods	67,400	67,200	74,000	13,700	12,800	17,800	17,900	17,800	17,900
Food Manufacturing	13,000	13,300	17,100						
Paper Manufacturing	9,500	9,500	9,900						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,600	10,600	10,200	3,100	3,100	3,200			
Chemical Manufacturing	22,800	22,700	23,600	5,000	4,900	5,000	10,100	10,100	10,200
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	11,900	11,900	12,700				5,600	5,600	5,700
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,100	3,200	3,100
Service Providing	1,461,200	1,444,000	1,603,500	363,400	355,200	531,300	294,000	289,900	282,500
Private Service Providing	1,085,300	1,071,900	1,220,200	272,000	262,500	425,000	217,800	216,000	207,300
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	359,000	356,700	375,200	86,800	86,100	120,600	65,100	64,900	62,300
Wholesale Trade	72,400	70,700	73,800	20,500	19,900	25,300	13,200	12,900	12,500
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	34,500	33,800	37,300	8,700	8,400	12,200			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	27,500	26,800	27,500	9,400	9,200	9,500			
Retail Trade	208,800	208,200	220,900	41,700	41,500	66,800	38,600	38,800	37,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	24,500	23,900	27,800						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	19,900	18,900	18,500						
Food & Beverage Stores	31,400	30,800	40,000	3,100	2,900	12,500	6,200	6,200	6,300
Grocery Stores	30,600	29,500	33,800	3,900	3,700	9,900	6,000	5,800	5,400
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,300	13,200	14,300	3,400	3,400	5,200			
Gasoline Stations	17,300	17,200	18,300						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	14,700	15,300	18,700						
General Merchandise Stores	48,400	49,100	49,300	5,700	5,800	13,600	9,000	9,000	8,300
Department Stores	14,800	15,100	16,400				2,600	2,600	2,400
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	77,800	77,800	80,500	24,600	24,700	28,500	13,300	13,200	12,300
Utilities	8,600	8,600	9,500	2,700	2,700	2,700			
Transportation and Warehousing	69,200	69,200	71,000	21,900	22,000	25,800			
Truck Transportation	13,500	13,800	18,100						
Support Activities for Transportation	19,900	19,500	20,500						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	28,400	28,800	30,300	7,900	8,100	10,600	5,700	5,600	5,700
Telecommunications	11,900	11,900	12,800						
Financial Activities	93,800	93,700	98,900	24,600	24,700	33,200	19,000	18,900	18,000
Finance & Insurance	58,800	58,500	65,000	10,600	10,400	22,500	13,300	13,300	13,000
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	33,300	33,100	35,100	7,700	7,600	10,700			
Depository Credit Intermediation	22,500	22,400	24,300	5,300	5,500	7,900	4,500	4,400	4,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	22,400	22,300	25,400						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	35,000	35,200	33,900						
Professional & Business Services	164,500	161,900	187,400	41,200	40,100	73,400	39,500	39,000	37,700
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	58,500	57,000	75,700	14,300	13,800	28,800	16,500	16,300	16,000
Legal Services	13,500	13,300	20,000	5,900	5,500	8,900			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	8,500	8,100	12,700						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	19,500	19,200	18,800						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	21,100	20,800	22,200	5,800	5,300	8,400			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	84,900	84,100	89,500	21,100	21,000	36,200	19,000	18,700	17,700
Administrative & Support Services	79,800	79,000	83,300	19,100	19,000	34,200			
Employment Services	37,700	37,800	33,000	7,200	7,000	13,800			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	14,600	14,500	19,200						
Educational & Health Services	213,100	208,100	254,900	47,300	41,900	81,500	41,800	41,300	39,600
Educational Services	30,700	26,500	39,600	12,200	8,300	20,600			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	20,900	16,900	27,400	8,600	5,400	11,000			
Health Care & Social Assistance	182,400	181,600	215,300	35,100	33,600	60,900	36,300	35,800	33,900
Ambulatory Health Care Services	70,000	69,700	74,300	12,200	11,600	21,400	14,900	14,500	13,000
Offices of Physicians	27,100	26,700	30,700						
Home Health Care Services	15,100	14,500	14,900						
Hospitals	55,000	55,000	64,900	16,600	16,700	20,600	11,400	11,300	10,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	49,700	49,600	54,600						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	34,000	33,200	44,200						
Nursing Care Facilities	24,600	24,000	28,000						
Social Assistance	23,400	23,700	31,900						
Leisure & Hospitality	168,700	164,900	203,300	54,800	52,400	83,600	32,900	32,300	30,500
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	29,100	29,300	35,100	6,500	6,400	13,300			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	24,900	25,200	29,100	5,000	4,900	9,600			
Gambling Industries	14,700	14,600	19,200	3,900	2,700	5,900			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,100	13,900	17,200						
Accommodation & Food Services	139,600	135,600	168,200	48,300	46,000	70,300	28,500	27,800	26,400
Accommodation	13,800	12,900	25,900	11,100	10,200	15,200			
Food Services & Drinking Places	125,800	122,700	142,300	37,200	35,800	55,100	25,800	25,200	23,800
Other Services	57,800	57,800	70,200	9,400	9,200	22,100	13,800	14,000	13,500
Repair & Maintenance	17,800	17,800	20,400						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	9,600	9,300	11,700						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,400	14,600	17,500						
Government	375,900	372,100	383,300	91,400	92,700	106,300	76,200	73,900	75,200
Federal Government	33,200	33,200	34,300	13,700	14,100	15,700	3,400	3,200	2,700
State Government	119,700	115,800	121,500	24,400	24,800	28,700	41,100	39,100	41,200
Local Government	223,000	223,100	227,500	53,300	53,800	61,900	31,700	31,600	31,300

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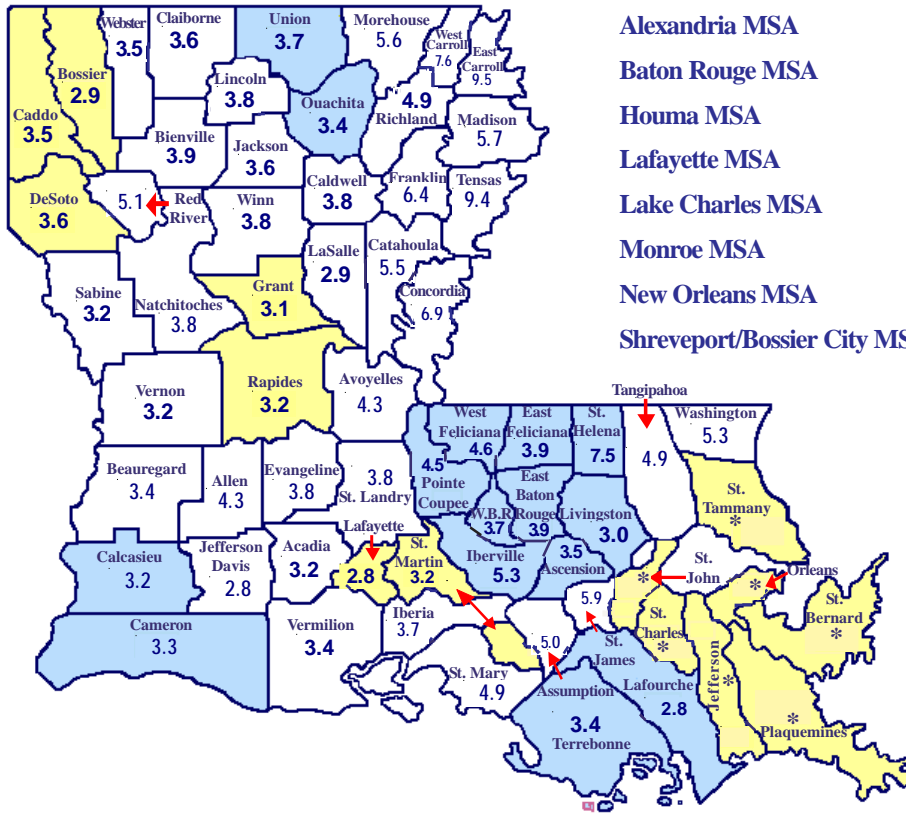
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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	PREL FEB 2006	REV JAN 2006	REV FEB 2005	PREL FEB 2006	REV JAN 2006	REV FEB 2005	PREL FEB 2006	REV JAN 2006	REV FEB 2005
Total Nonfarm	177,100	177,100	170,300	139,900	140,100	135,300	90,800	89,500	88,600
Total Private	142,500	142,800	136,900	123,200	123,600	118,300	75,800	74,600	73,800
Goods Producing	27,300	27,200	26,000	28,500	28,900	27,900	22,400	21,700	19,000
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	13,000	12,800	11,700	20,300	20,700	19,500	13,700	12,900	10,100
Mining				13,500	13,400	13,000			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				12,300	12,300	12,000			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	9,400	9,200	8,100						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,500	5,500	5,100
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,500	4,500	4,000
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,300	14,400	14,300	8,200	8,200	8,400	8,700	8,800	8,900
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,800	4,000	4,300						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,100	7,200	7,200
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							6,600	6,600	6,700
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							4,100	4,100	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	149,800	149,900	144,300	111,400	111,200	107,400	68,400	67,800	69,600
Private Service Providing	115,200	115,600	110,900	94,700	94,700	90,400	53,400	52,900	54,800
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	33,400	33,600	32,400	28,300	28,400	27,000	17,000	17,400	17,500
Wholesale Trade	7,100	7,100	6,900	6,800	6,800	6,300			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	19,700	19,900	19,200	17,100	17,300	16,600	9,800	10,200	10,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,400	3,600	3,500
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,300	4,400	4,000	3,000	3,100	3,100			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,600	6,600	6,300	4,400	4,300	4,100			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,900	2,800	2,900	3,400	3,200	3,200			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,400	7,400	7,200	8,700	8,600	8,100			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	16,600	16,600	15,000	14,800	14,800	14,200	6,700	6,300	6,900
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,800	6,700	6,600			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,500	8,100	7,800	5,500	5,700	5,100			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,100	23,600	23,200	20,600	20,800	19,800			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,000	22,500	22,200	18,900	19,100	18,200			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,300	8,200	8,500	5,400	5,500	5,100	3,100	3,100	3,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,600	6,600	7,000						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	24,200	24,100	22,500	14,200	14,200	13,600	11,700	11,300	11,400
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9,900	9,900	9,600						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,300	9,300	9,300						
Gambling Industries	7,800	7,900	8,300						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,300	14,200	12,900	13,000	12,900	11,700	10,600	10,200	8,500
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	12,800	12,700	11,700	12,400	12,000	10,800			
Other Services	7,600	7,500	7,700	4,700	4,700	4,500			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	34,600	34,300	33,400	16,700	16,500	17,000	15,000	14,900	14,800
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	700
State Government	10,700	10,600	10,200	5,000	4,500	5,200	4,200	4,100	4,000
Local Government	19,300	19,100	18,500	10,600	10,900	10,700	10,200	10,200	10,100

9(b) LOUISIANA & MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT									
Not Seasonally Adjusted	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	FEB	JAN	FEB	FEB	JAN	FEB	FEB	JAN	FEB
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	79,100	78,400	77,900	84,800	84,500	82,600	65,300	65,000	61,700
Total Private	64,600	64,600	63,600	70,300	70,700	68,500	49,700	49,400	46,300
Goods Producing	12,200	12,200	12,500	18,400	18,800	17,300	8,700	8,800	8,200
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				13,100	13,000	11,600			
Mining				6,000	6,100	5,300			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				5,400	5,500	4,700			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,300	2,300	2,300			
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,800						
Durable Goods				6,700	6,800	6,900			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	6,000						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	66,900	66,200	65,400	66,400	65,700	65,300	56,600	56,200	53,500
Private Service Providing	52,400	52,400	51,100	51,900	51,900	51,200	41,000	40,600	38,100
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,300	14,400	14,300	20,600	20,500	20,000	11,600	11,400	11,200
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	9,700	9,800	9,500	10,700	10,700	10,200	8,100	7,900	7,600
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,400	3,500	3,300						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,200	4,200	4,200			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,100	4,100	4,000			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,000	6,900	7,300						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				4,100	4,000	4,100			
Employment Services				3,000	2,900	3,100			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,300	13,300	12,700						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,700	12,600	12,000						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,400	4,300	4,100				3,900	3,900	3,800
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,600	3,600	3,400						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,400	6,600	6,400	6,400	6,700			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	14,500	13,800	14,300	14,500	13,800	14,100	15,600	15,600	15,400
Federal Government	600	600	600	500	400	400	2,700	2,700	2,800
State Government	5,000	4,400	4,900	4,000	3,200	3,200	5,400	5,400	5,300
Local Government	8,900	8,800	8,800	10,000	10,200	10,500	7,500	7,500	7,300

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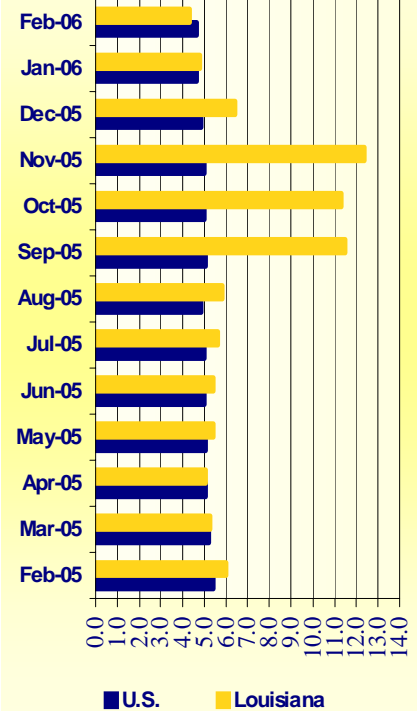


Statewide

4.2 %

Alexandria MSA	3.2 %
Baton Rouge MSA	3.8 %
Houma MSA	3.1 %
Lafayette MSA	2.8 %
Lake Charles MSA	3.2 %
Monroe MSA	3.5 %
New Orleans MSA	5.9 %
Shreveport/Bossier City MSA	3.4 %

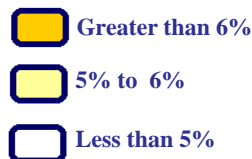
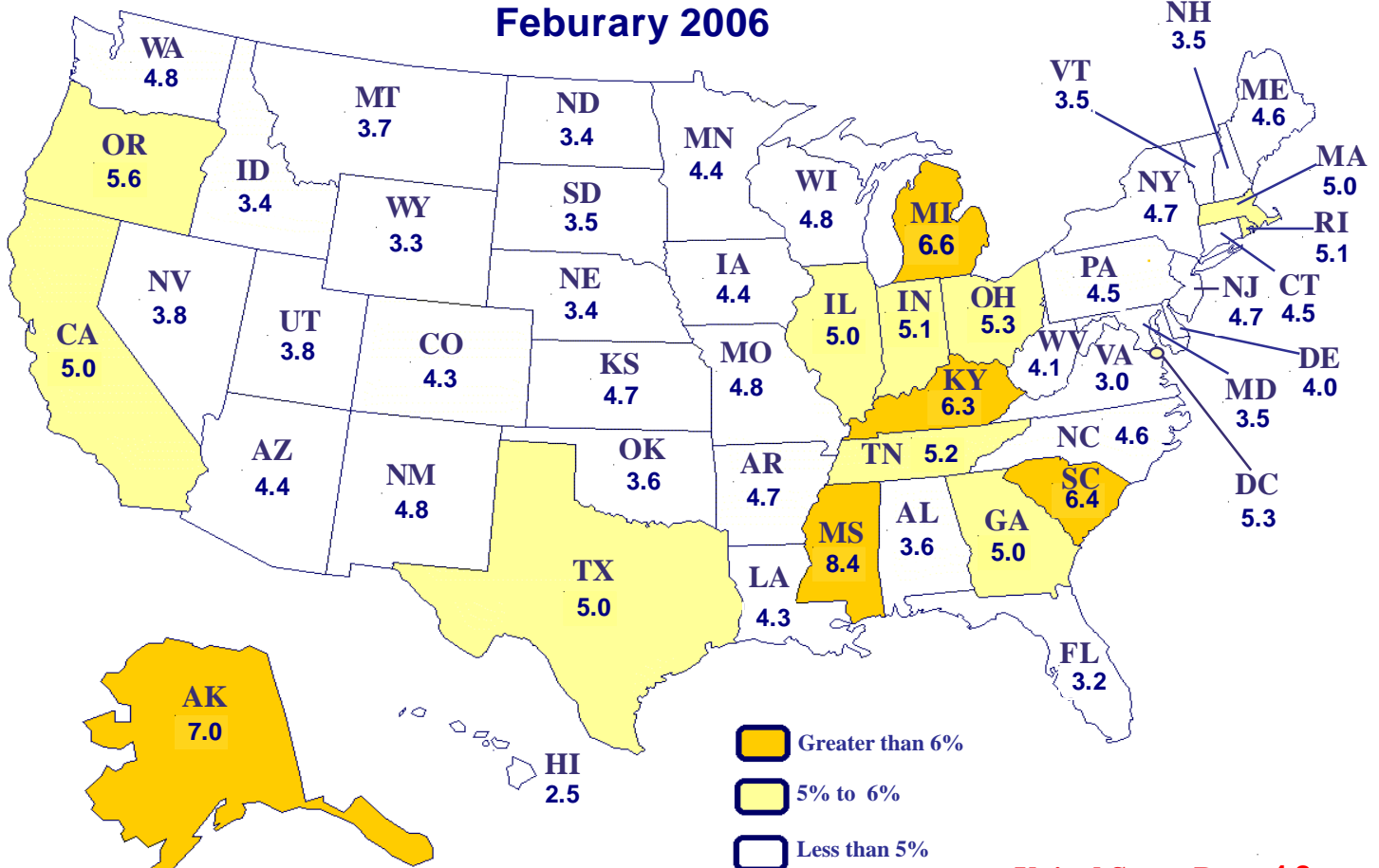
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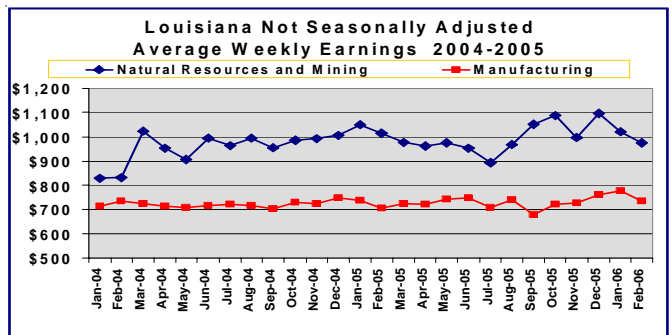
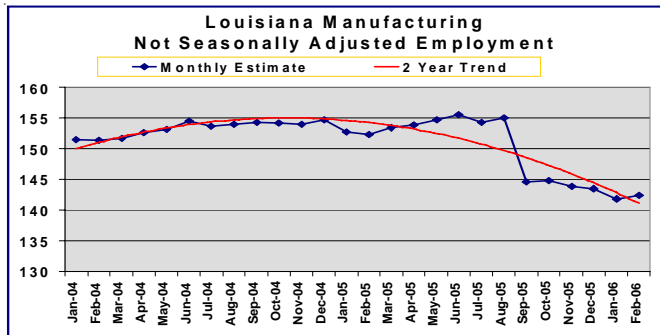
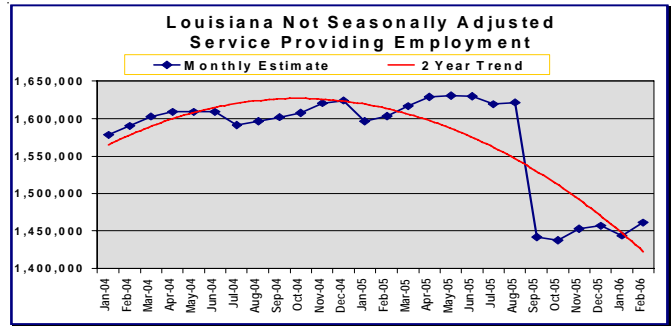
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary February 2006			Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised) January 2006			Revised February 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
UNITED STATES	141,994,000	7,692,000	5.1	141,481,000	7,608,000	5.1	139,100,000	8,549,000	5.8
LOUISIANA	1,781,372	77,592	4.2	1,759,230	102,723	5.5	1,949,711	116,986	5.7
ALEXANDRIA MSA	65,116	2,160	3.2	65,248	2,872	4.2	62,340	3,665	5.6
Grant	8,100	257	3.1	8,116	331	3.9	7,754	510	6.2
Rapides	57,016	1,903	3.2	57,132	2,541	4.3	54,586	3,155	5.5
BATON ROUGE MSA	342,774	13,601	3.8	338,514	17,736	5.0	331,526	19,369	5.5
Ascension	42,218	1,524	3.5	41,693	1,874	4.3	40,832	2,121	4.9
East Baton Rouge	203,369	8,204	3.9	200,842	10,978	5.2	196,696	10,942	5.3
East Feliciana	7,871	316	3.9	7,773	394	4.8	7,613	582	7.1
Iberville	11,783	653	5.3	11,637	803	6.5	11,397	1,026	8.3
Livingston	49,681	1,547	3.0	49,063	1,884	3.7	48,050	2,585	5.1
Pointe Coupee	9,316	437	4.5	9,200	571	5.8	9,010	748	7.7
St. Helena	3,862	313	7.5	3,814	414	9.8	3,736	363	8.9
West Baton Rouge	10,062	384	3.7	9,937	499	4.8	9,732	661	6.4
West Feliciana	4,612	224	4.6	4,555	319	6.5	4,461	340	7.1
HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA	88,323	2,832	3.1	87,847	3,848	4.2	88,456	4,501	4.8
Lafourche	41,909	1,210	2.8	41,683	1,709	3.9	41,972	1,969	4.5
Terrebonne	46,414	1,622	3.4	46,164	2,139	4.4	46,484	2,532	5.2
LAFAYETTE MSA	120,322	3,510	2.8	120,440	4,743	3.8	118,571	5,381	4.3
Lafayette	98,783	2,809	2.8	98,880	3,838	3.7	97,345	4,170	4.1
St. Martin	21,539	701	3.2	21,560	905	4.0	21,226	1,211	5.4
LAKE CHARLES MSA	88,825	2,948	3.2	87,632	4,122	4.5	87,803	4,935	5.3
Calcasieu	84,541	2,803	3.2	83,406	3,930	4.5	83,569	4,698	5.3
Cameron	4,284	145	3.3	4,226	192	4.3	4,234	237	5.3
MONROE MSA	77,353	2,768	3.5	77,100	3,580	4.4	77,297	4,741	5.8
Ouachita	67,613	2,395	3.4	67,392	3,131	4.4	67,564	4,032	5.6
Union	9,740	373	3.7	9,708	449	4.4	9,733	709	6.8
NEW ORLEANS-METairie- KENNER MSA	404,299	25,170	5.9	393,558	33,275	7.8	589,079	33,207	5.3
Jefferson							217,327	11,318	5.0
New Orleans City/Orleans							187,822	12,738	6.4
Plaquemines							11,075	608	5.2
St. Bernard							29,346	1,762	5.7
St. Charles							23,119	1,202	4.9
St. John Baptist							19,429	1,240	6.0
St. Tammany							100,961	4,340	4.1
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA	171,087	5,948	3.4	171,766	7,695	4.3	167,109	10,023	5.7
Bossier	48,609	1,456	2.9	48,802	1,921	3.8	47,478	2,516	5.0
Caddo	111,782	4,094	3.5	112,226	5,258	4.5	109,183	6,762	5.8
De Soto	10,696	398	3.6	10,739	516	4.6	10,448	745	6.7
NON-MSA PARISHES									
Acadia (Crowley) ¹	22,807	743	3.2	22,874	1,023	4.3	22,975	1,344	5.5
Allen	7,859	353	4.3	7,873	495	5.9	7,840	702	8.2
Assumption (Pierre Part) ¹	9,064	475	5.0	8,888	634	6.7	9,077	811	8.2
Avoyelles	14,568	650	4.3	14,293	891	5.9	14,355	1,107	7.2
Beauregard (DeRidder) ¹	13,076	460	3.4	13,227	684	4.9	13,184	811	5.8
Bienville	5,748	235	3.9	5,721	322	5.3	5,703	458	7.4
Caldwell	3,880	152	3.8	3,904	196	4.8	3,847	349	8.3
Catahoula	3,743	218	5.5	3,727	269	6.7	3,651	335	8.4
Claiborne	6,381	235	3.6	6,106	308	4.8	6,407	428	6.3
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) ¹	6,515	486	6.9	6,468	636	9.0	6,463	726	10.1
East Carroll	2,448	257	9.5	2,358	309	11.6	2,416	419	14.8
Evangeline	11,002	430	3.8	10,826	585	5.1	10,975	763	6.5
Franklin	6,872	469	6.4	6,672	590	8.1	6,869	722	9.5
Iberia (New Iberia) ¹	28,848	1,093	3.7	28,395	1,467	4.9	29,464	1,928	6.1
Jackson (Ruston) ¹	5,971	222	3.6	5,787	269	4.4	6,017	405	6.3
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) ¹	13,304	380	2.8	13,316	525	3.8	13,204	666	4.8
La Salle	5,376	161	2.9	5,406	215	3.8	5,399	305	5.3
Lincoln (Ruston) ¹	17,122	670	3.8	16,595	887	5.1	17,253	1,083	5.9
Madison (Tallulah) ¹	4,172	251	5.7	4,030	321	7.4	4,132	448	9.8
Morehouse (Bastrop) ¹	10,383	618	5.6	10,112	790	7.2	10,485	1,180	10.1
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) ¹	16,415	644	3.8	15,589	863	5.2	16,297	1,007	5.8
Red River	2,985	160	5.1	2,912	214	6.8	2,994	305	9.2
Richland	7,731	395	4.9	7,591	494	6.1	7,732	718	8.5
Sabine	8,702	289	3.2	8,646	386	4.3	8,641	566	6.1
St. James	7,635	483	5.9	7,508	641	7.9	8,203	739	8.3
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) ¹	33,721	1,335	3.8	34,080	1,846	5.1	33,621	2,142	6.0
St. Mary (Morgan City) ¹	19,725	1,016	4.9	19,529	1,357	6.5	19,975	1,916	8.8
Tangipahoa (Hammond) ¹	43,198	2,202	4.9	41,997	2,930	6.5	45,467	2,791	5.8
Tensas	1,910	199	9.4	1,824	260	12.5	1,853	232	11.1
Vermilion (Abbeville) ¹	21,217	751	3.4	20,974	999	4.5	21,352	1,322	5.8
Vernon (Fort Polk South) ¹	19,650	660	3.2	19,224	1,130	5.6	19,487	1,091	5.3
Washington (Bogalusa) ¹	13,594	756	5.3	13,344	1,042	7.2	14,802	1,123	7.1
Webster (Minden) ¹	18,029	663	3.5	17,958	572	3.1	17,873	1,208	6.3
West Carroll	3,873	320	7.6	3,733	410	9.9	3,872	635	14.1
Winn	5,749	225	3.8	5,640	293	4.9	5,645	375	6.2

Household sample data were not available.

The 107,000 workers statewide in all manufacturing earned an average of \$733.20 per week in February 2006. Average weekly hours worked in February were 40.0 and average hourly earnings were \$18.33.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005	FEB 2006	JAN 2006	FEB 2005
Average Weekly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	974.02	1,021.73	1,014.53									
Mining	974.76	1,023.68	1,035.25									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,258.42	1,270.07	1,289.47									
Support Act for Mining	958.04	1,003.93	1,023.12									
Manufacturing	\$733.20	\$775.92	\$704.29	774.58	886.12	957.82	884.86	973.25	753.87			
Durable Goods	\$747.20	\$774.40	\$702.60									
Transportation Equipment	\$834.40	\$868.22	\$759.87	626.47	626.47	641.24				1,223.10	1,329.20	1,118.92
Ship & Boat Building	\$720.33	\$698.68	\$690.15	626.47	626.47	641.24						
Nondurable Goods	\$717.89	\$779.41	\$707.63	774.58	886.12	957.82	1,207.01	1,460.76	1,115.10			
Food Manufacturing	\$407.34	\$365.72	\$420.03									
Paper Manufacturing	\$976.29	\$803.29	\$921.25									
Petroleum & Coal Products	\$825.29	\$894.47	\$1,178.25									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,217.66	1,275.37	1,147.59	1,387.15	1,500.96	1,537.94	1,853.18	1,936.32	1,352.54			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,584.13	1,728.67	1,285.99				1,936.32	1,936.32	1,359.51			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,230.35	1,234.53	1,234.53			
Average Weekly Hours												
Natural Resources & Mining	43.6	45.9	50.1									
Mining	43.4	45.7	49.7									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	43.2	43.6	45.5									
Support Act for Mining	43.0	45.1	50.4									
Manufacturing	40.0	42.4	41.6	39.6	41.1	36.6	44.6	45.8	42.4			
Durable Goods	42.6	43.9	44.3									
Transportation Equipment	40.0	40.8	41.5	36.7	36.7	39.1				40.5	43.1	44.0
Ship & Boat Building	40.4	40.2	41.5	36.7	36.7	39.1						
Nondurable Goods	37.1	40.7	38.5	39.6	41.1	36.6	43.0	49.4	40.3			
Food Manufacturing	35.7	33.8	39.0									
Paper Manufacturing	39.8	38.9	44.1									
Petroleum & Coal Products	46.6	45.8	45.3									
Chemical Manufacturing	46.6	44.1	41.0	46.1	47.2	48.5	63.4	59.8	43.8			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	51.2	52.8	42.4				59.8	59.8	43.7			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							52.2	47.3	47.3			
Average Hourly Earnings \$												
Natural Resources & Mining	22.34	22.26	20.25									
Mining	22.46	22.40	20.83									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	29.13	29.13	28.34									
Support Act for Mining	22.28	22.26	20.30									
Manufacturing	\$18.33	\$18.30	\$16.93	\$19.56	\$21.56	\$26.17	19.84	21.25	17.78			
Durable Goods	\$17.54	\$17.64	\$15.86									
Transportation Equipment	\$20.86	\$21.28	\$18.31	17.07	17.07	16.40				30.20	30.84	25.43
Ship & Boat Building	\$17.83	\$17.38	\$16.63	17.07	17.07	16.40						
Nondurable Goods	\$19.35	\$19.15	\$18.38	19.56	21.56	26.17	28.07	29.57	27.67			
Food Manufacturing	\$11.41	\$10.82	\$10.77									
Paper Manufacturing	\$24.53	\$20.65	\$20.89									
Petroleum & Coal Products	\$17.71	\$19.53	\$26.01									
Chemical Manufacturing	\$26.13	\$28.92	\$27.99	\$30.09	\$31.80	\$31.71	\$29.23	\$32.38	\$30.88			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	\$30.94	\$32.74	\$30.33				\$32.38	\$32.38	\$31.11			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							\$23.57	\$26.10	\$26.10			

LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - February 18, 2006

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
RLMA 1	280	9,156	RLMA 4	232	4,851	RLMA 7	276	4,716
JEFFERSON	116	3,568	ACADIA	18	351	BIENVILLE	9	122
ORLEANS	79	1,842	EVANGELINE	12	199	BOSSIER	46	732
PLAQUEMINES	6	169	IBERIA	32	565	CADDO	134	2,248
ST. BERNARD	0	111	LAFAYETTE	60	1,618	CLAIBORNE	7	91
ST. CHARLES	13	703	ST. LANDRY	51	749	DESOTO	10	182
ST. JAMES	10	287	ST. MARTIN	21	342	LINCOLN	17	419
ST. JOHN	28	1,039	ST. MARY	24	614	NATCHITOCHES	14	390
ST. TAMMANY	28	1,437	VERMILION	14	413	RED RIVER	10	73
						SABINE	10	126
						WEBSTER	19	333
RLMA 2	354	9,938	RLMA 5	93	2,329	RLMA 8	183	3,346
ASCENSION	33	936	ALLEN	14	167	CALDWELL	10	65
E. BATON ROUGE	159	5,261	BEAUREGARD	16	216	EAST CARROLL	11	204
EAST FELICIANA	5	131	CALCASIEU	58	1,711	FRANKLIN	10	351
IBERVILLE	14	368	CAMERON	1	57	JACKSON	6	116
LIVINGSTON	41	695	JEFF. DAVIS	4	178	MADISON	4	130
POINTE COUPEE	9	275				MOREHOUSE	25	420
ST. HELENA	3	96	RLMA 6	124	2,405	OUACHITA	74	1,332
TANGIPAHOA	67	1,448	AVOYELLES	14	374	RICHLAND	16	261
WASHINGTON	15	386	CATAHOULA	7	119	TENSAS	2	165
W. BATON ROUGE	6	238	CONCORDIA	12	289	UNION	13	160
WEST FELICIANA	2	104	GRANT	5	114	WEST CARROLL	12	142
			LASALLE	5	60			
RLMA 3	78	1,703	RAPIDES	55	1,029			
ASSUMPTION	15	248	VERNON	21	298			
LAFOURCHE	23	573	W INN	5	122			
TERREBONNE	40	882						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES, AND UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS FOR EX-SERVICE MEMBERS DATA.

Labor Market Questions and Answers!

- ➔ **Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?**
 - Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12th of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.
- ➔ **Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?**
 - Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?**
 - The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.
- ➔ **What is the 2006 revision change to the nonfarm employment series?**
 - The major change to the nonfarm employment series is the addition of published cells for the state and some metropolitan statistical areas. For a list of the additional published cells in the 2006 nonfarm employment series go to the Web site www.laworks.net, scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, click on Publications and Reports, under Labor Market Information select Data Explanations and then select March 2006 – 2006 Changes to Nonfarm and Civilian Labor Force Statistics.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at OOIS@ldol.state.la.us

GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS) - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

Civilian Labor Force - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

Employed - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

Unemployed - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

Continued Claim - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

Current Employment Statistics (CES) - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

Current Population Survey (CPS) - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

Durable Goods - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

Initial Claims - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC) - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

Nonfarm Employment - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

Nondurable Goods - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

Seasonally Adjusted - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

Subsector - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

Supersector - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

Summary Industry Sector - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

Industry Sector - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

Correction to Web and Email files with January 2006 data released March 10, 2006. Location: Page 9(a) Shreveport-Bossier City MSA State Government data. January 2006 Preliminary was 10,600, December 2005 Revised was 10,600 and January 2005 Revised was 9,800.

Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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Civilian Labor Force (both LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>
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Civilian Labor Force for US and other states <http://stats.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>

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Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment (both LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>
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